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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Toru Makino et al.

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For: STEERING AND PRODUCTION METHOD  
THEREFOR

Examiner: V. Luong

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 2, 2006 (Paper No. 02232006), Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1 and 2 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a steering (wheel) and Group II, Claim 2, drawn to a production method for a steering (wheel).

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1 and 2) and cancels claim 2, without prejudice, to expedite allowance of this matter.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed towards the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

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If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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